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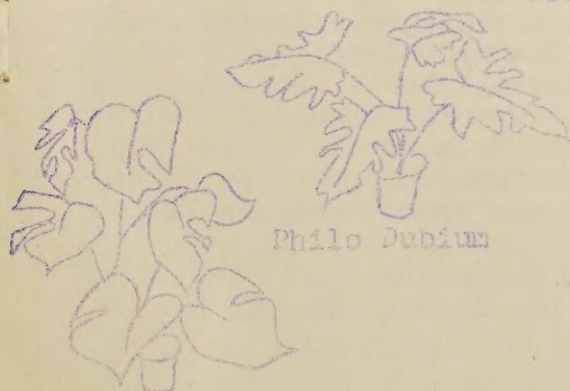
Here is our 1955 catalogue of Begonias, Ferns, Palms and vines as well as other good plants for the shaded garden. Our list includes old favorites and new and we have added numerous new plants and items that are designed to please you.

We realize that many flower lovers have little money to spare for the plants they want so much to own and with this in mind, we have consistently kept our prices as low as we can and will stay in business. Increasing postal rates have raised the cost of necessary supplies. Expenses go up as our business expands, contributing to the ultimate cost of the plants, but our aim is to give you the best possible, all-around service.

We wish to thank you for the complimentary letters and friendly inquiries. We are always glad to hear from you, whether it be praise or criticism. Since we have no outside help at present it is often difficult for me to answer your letters promptly but rest assured that I do read every one, enjoy them and will answer as soon as I can. Our busiest season is from March to June 1st, and from late August to late November, according to the temperature here so please be patient during those periods.

We cordially invite you to visit us any time you are in this vicinity. We are located 4 1/2 miles NORTH EAST of O'Fallon, Ill., which is about 25 miles from St. Louis, Mo. O'Fallon, Ill. is on Route 50 and our telephone number is on the O'Fallon exchange. The number is Mercury 2-4516. We are open from daylight until dark seven days a week and someone is always here to welcome you. Telephone us for explicit directions to our place.

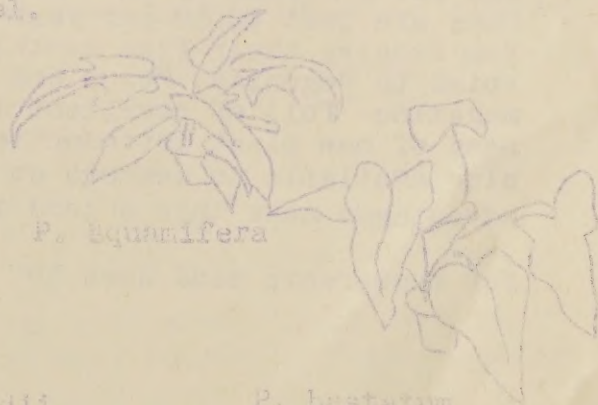
Good luck and good growing.
Vonna Dressel.



Philo Dubium



Philoendron Wendlandii



P. Equanifera

P. Pertusum

P. hastatum

PLEASE READ BEFORE ORDERING

TERMS: Cash with order. No orders accepted for less than \$2.00. Please include 50% extra for packing and "Special Handling" on orders under \$5.00. We pay postage on all orders of \$5.00 and over. All shipments to states other than Illinois and Wisconsin are sent either "Special Delivery" (if you live where you have city delivery service) or "Special Handling" if you are on a Rural Route. We have found this to be the fastest and safest method for Parcel Post deliveries. Please add 10% extra on checks.

All orders are shipped by Parcel Post unless otherwise requested. We have shipped via Greyhound Express lines to direct points and find they give faster service as a rule but addressee may have to pick up shipment at nearest Greyhound Depot. Sizable orders and large plants are best shipped by Express- in which case they are sent Express Collect and we add extra plants to compensate you for shipping charges, which YOU pay.

Prices quoted are for strong, well rooted plants from 2 1/2 inch pots unless otherwise specified. All plants are labeled true to name to the best of our knowledge we use painted wooden labels that will last and remain legible a long time. Plants are more fun when you KNOW what you are growing. Every effort is made to pack the plants so they will reach you in good condition but in NO case will we be liable for plants delayed in transit or for plants shipped in "extreme" weather at YOUR request.

Orders are shipped according to the rotation in which they are received. Shipping dates vary according to the locality and we try to check the temperature in your locality before shipping- especially during EARLY spring, LATE fall or HOT weather. Usually it is safe to ship from late March through June and from September 1st to mid November- according to temperatures here and at your address. Orders received before shipping schedule starts will be given first choice and will be shipped as soon as weather permits. Order early to be sure of getting the varieties you want. We do appreciate your listing 2nd. choice- in case we are temporarily out of some varieties. This also enables us to select extra plants of YOUR CHOICE to compensate for shipping charges on shipments by Express, ect..

We also grow a wide variety of select, hardy perennials, Iris and Chrysanthemums. Please send stamp and request the list YOU are interested in. We do not grow shrubs, roses or evergreens, fruits or berries.

If you have plant problems- write us. Perhaps we can be of help.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN BEGONIA SOCIETY?

Dues are just \$2.50 per year and among the privileges accorded members, you receive their fine monthly magazine- "THE BEGONIAN", which is devoted to Begonias, Ferns and other shade loving plants. This is a fine magazine- full of excellent illustrations, culture notes and the latest news of new plant introductions, ect.. Books from the A.B.S. Library are also available to members at no extra cost other than postage. Other advantages make this a good investment for any ardent Begonia Fan.

For membership send dues to

Membership Secretary,
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Rex Begonias

Rex Begonias are grown for the beauty of their colorful foliage, being very exotic in appearance. They vary in leaf texture and shape as well as size of leaf and coloring. Some have creeping rhizomes and others are of upright growth with canelike stems that require staking. Size is determined by the approximate diameter of the mature leaves and is designated thus:

MINIATURE and SMALL- mature leaves up to 4 inches.

MEDIUM- mature leaves up to 7 inches.

LARGE- mature leaves up to 12 inches.

These Begonias require shelter from direct sun and from wind and beating rains and high humidity is necessary for successful growth. Good light is also needed and colors will be brighter if grown where direct rays of the sun do not strike them. They can be grown entirely in pots or they can be planted out in beds during the summer months. Heat is no problem to them if humidity is raised accordingly. Outdoor beds must be well drained and in a protected spot, such as the north or east side of a building. Set them in rich, loose soil with an abundance of leafmold, peatmoss, ect., that will drain rapidly. Spray the foliage several times daily during hot summer days to provide that extra humidity. Use a fine mist spray for this so that there is no danger of soil around the plants becoming too wet.

The following are **MINIATURE REX**- 3 for \$4.00- 6 for \$7.50 \$1.50 each

ROY BERRY'S # 42- Blended shades of bright rose and pink.

DEW DROP- Cupped leaves of grey, pink and silver.

CORSA- (R. Berry) Deep maroon, blue-grey and pink, silver and green.

MAIDEN'S BLUSH- Leaf Center and edge deep maroon, rest of leaf pink.

RAMONA- Center and edge deep maroon to grape red, border bright aqua blue.

TAPESTRY- Center and edge deep maroon, to rose pink, bordered with emerald green splashed with silver.

RED BERRY or RED STAR- Entire leaf bright wine-red- star shaped leaf.

PANSY- (Roy Berry)- Upright grower- grey blue leaf overlaid with shades of pink and centered with a 'black eye'.

LUCY CLOSSON- Red-purple and bright purple edged with deep purple.

CURLY CLOSSON- A spiral miniature in red-purple and bright purple flecked with silver.

NEW INTRODUCTIONS

The following Rex are \$1.50 each- 3 for \$4.00- 6 for \$7.50

BRONCO- (S.B. Leatherman)- Medium. A new spiral with an extra little swirl. Center olive green, midsection blistered silver green, border olive green. Red tipped white hairs sparsely scattered over the entire leaf. (See The Begonian- Sept., 1954)

PRINCE CHARMING- (Frey)- Medium. Olive green center and edge overlaid with rosey cast. Mid-section pea green overlaid with silver. Entire leaf takes on rosey cast from soft rose hairs over all. Considered hard to grow.

SILVER THREADS- (W. C. Mueller)- Center blue-red with fine thread-like markings. Midsection silver- border silver with blue thread-like markings and edged with blue-red. Large.

BRONZE CHARM- (W. C. Mueller)- Large. Spiral leaf of bronze-black-green margined with red. Red stipules over all.

STORMY WEATHER- (W. C. Mueller)- Large. Spiral. Center red-blue-black, midsection silver flushed pink, border bright green margined with red. White stipules.

EL DIABLO- (S.B. LEATHERMAN)- Entire leaf dark red- green-black. Red hairs and red undersides. Very dark leaf well named-The Devil. Medium.

REX BEGONIAS
1954 INTRODUCTIONS

The following Rex were introduced last year for the first time. They are the "children" of Sylvia B. Leatherman, grown by her from her own crosses and selected to be named after buddies of her son's while they were in the Armed Forces together. All are beautiful and are good growers, worthy of the honor bestowed upon them.

\$1.00 each- 3 for \$2.75, 6 for \$5.00, 12 for \$9.00.

- DON GWINUP- Large spiral. Blue green center, midsection rough silver with pink cast, irregular border of bright green with silver markings.
- ART ANTHONY- Large; spiral. Small dark center, balance of leaf pleasing silver blue, rough textured.
- BOB SMITH- Large. Tiny center eye of red-black, midsection blue-silver with pink cast, margin red-black. white hairs over all.
- DALE ANDREWS- Large, upright. Brown center with bright green blendings, midsection green overlaid with silver, margin brown.
- EDWARD PLATNICO- Dark green-black leaf with silver spots and overlaid sections. Medium. (See The Begonian, Sept., 1954 for those above.)
- J. W. MODDY- Medium, upright. Long leaves are slightly ruffled, center veinings almost black, midsection silver green, border bright green splashed with silver, narrow margin of red.

NOTICE: New introductions will not be available before May 1st. Advance orders will be reserved and shipped as soon as the plants are ready. Some varieties are of short supply so please give second choice where possible.

The following Rex \$1.00 each, 3 for \$2.75, 6 for \$5.00, 12 for \$9.00

- SPIDER WEB- (Frey)- Medium, upright, spiral. Small, irregular green center, glossy silver-green midsection with faint pastel tints, green edge with silver-green spots.
- FIREFLUSH- Medium. Soft hairy leaves of brilliant green with deep red center and narrow deep red edge. Entire leaf is covered with brilliant red hairs and is velvety to touch. Considered difficult to grow but well worth the effort. My first Fireflush grew beautifully in the kitchen, the pot set on a layer of sponge-rock or vermiculite inside a large, wide mouthed jar with the lid left off.
- CRIMSON GLOW- Medium. Crimson center and edge, silver green midsection, very fine, irregular green markings over entire leaf.
- CATHLAYANA- Medium, upright. Center dark green, midsection bright green, edges light maroon. Entire leaf covered with tiny, soft red hairs, giving a rosey cast and velvety feel to the leaf. This one is also considered difficult, though it didn't seem so to me and is well worth a little extra care.
- SCARLET O'HARA- Medium, upright. Almost black center, brilliant rose midsection, running into an irregular border of silver.
- AUTUMN SEEDLING- Medium- Center and edge very dark wine red, midsection bright wine red with blue green undercast.
- NAVAJO- Medium- Deep maroon center and edge, brilliant rose-red over entire leaf.
- SILVER CITATION- Medium. Irregular reddish center with pink flush, midsection silver with blue hues, tiny red edge.
- BIG BEAUTY- Large spiral. Silver green mottled leaves, olive green center, fine red hairs. Tiny pin dots of silver sprinkled over entire leaf.

2.00 each, 3 for \$3.75, 6 for \$6. 12 for \$9.

RUTH ANN WILLIAMS- (Schwerdtfeger)- Long leaf with small green-black center, midsection of silver-blue green with pink cast, irregular border of bright green with a few silver spots, tiny red brown margin.

CURLY SILVER LAKE- Large spiral. Silver leaf with dark indented veins, raised pebbly sections etched with dark, irregular lines.

HELEN LEWIS- Large. Center and border rich, deep red-purple, midsection silver-blue.

49er- (Schwerdtfeger)- Medium, spiral. Small bright green center, silver-green midsection overcast with rosey hue, border of bright green, silver spotted. Fine red hair-line edge.

SMOG- (Helen Bailey)- Large, spiral. Very dark green center tinged red, greenish silver midsection, dark red edge. Entire leaf covered with stiff red hairs, giving a reddish hue to the whole.

BERTHA MCGREGOR- MEDIUM, UPRIGHT, MAPLE-LEAF. Center deep morron red, blue-green-silver midsection, irregular green border spotted with silver.

MRS. SHEPPARD- Medium, upright, maple-leaf type. Dark blue-green center, and margin, silver midsection with pinkish cast, green border with irregular spots.

CURLY MULBERRY- Medium. Dark mulberry center and border, soft aqua-blue midsection. Slightly spiralled and curled.

COUNTESS LOUISE ERDOEDY- Medium, dbl. spiral. Blue-grey center, the color veining out to the leaf edge, midsections between the veins raised, silver blue, the leaf edged with red and grey blue and covered with stiff pink hairs which give the leaf a pink cast. Leaves twist and curl.

CARMELITTA- Medium spiral. Midsections of silver-green with irregular center veinings of red-brown. Red brown border spotted with silver.

ROSETTA- Large, curled spiral. Deep green center shading to bright green, raised sections between veins are brilliant green, tiny red edging. Raised pin-dots of silver cover entire leaf, each topped by a fine red hair. (Illustrated in The Begonian- March 1954)

LAVENDER GLOW- (Woodriff)- Medium, upright. Center deep purple, veining outwards. Midsection silvery-blue heavily overcast with bright lavender, the edging- red-purple.

CURLY SILVER SWEET* (Woodriff)- Medium, spiral. Upright. Dark, deep veins with raised and puckered silver sections between.

The following Rex are older, tried and true varieties that have been favorites and still are today. Beginners would do well to choose from this group. More experienced collectors will enjoy growing them too.
75¢ each, 3 for \$2.00, 6 for \$3.75, 12 for \$6.50

PETER PAN- Large. Deep green center shading into bright green, silver green midsection edged with deep red and bright green. Stiff red hairs sparsely scattered over all.

SILVER SWEET- medium, upright. Blue gunmetal grey leaves have raised blister like sections. Deep blue-grey veinings, very fine edge of deep blue grey with silver spots.

VAN X # 1- Medium, upright. Tiny dark green center eye, silver green midsection with deep pink cast, irregular border spotted silver.

VAN X # 2- medium, upright. Irregular dark green center, dark veins, iridescent silver midsection with pastel hues, bright green border with small green spots and fine red edge.

Older tried and true Rex continued,
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- GREEN RIVER- Medium. Bright green with silver flecks and splashes, center and margin dark red-brown.
- ARNOLD PEEP- Medium. Irregular dark grey center, raised and blistered blue-grey midsection bordered dark grey with raised blue-grey spots.
- PRESIDENT CARNOT- Large. Leaf is very dark grey, almost black. Silver blisters and raised splashes irregularly scattered over all.
- CARDOZA GARBENS - Large. Dark maroon center, midsection in rosey hues, bordered with bright green and edged with dark red.
- QUEEN OF HANDOVER- Large. Leaves are soft pea-green banded in silver. Entire leaf takes on pink cast from pink hairs over all.
- GUY FEWKES- Medium. Red-black center and margin, deep green border with raised silver sections topped with bright rose.
- STANLEY WILSON- Large. Center and edge deep wine red, midsection silver overlaid with bright rose.
- PIN TEX- Large. Irregular center of olive green, raised midsection of pea green tinged with pink, olive green border with silver pin point dots, each topped with a tiny white hair.
- PATSY- Medium. Irregular purple center shading out to red-purple, silver midsection has red-purple cast and narrow purple border with scattering of silver spots.
- LESOUDSI- Large. Center irregularly veined in dark green, balance of leaf medium green, raised and blistered. Dark green border with tiny silver dots, the whole edged with fine red line.

RHIZOMATOUS

The following varieties are what we term "Choice and Fancy" Rhizomatous.
\$1.00 each, 3 for \$2.75, 6 for \$5.00

- MAPHIL- (Mrs. Mabel Walker)- One of the newer and very colorful dwarf rhizomatous. Very bushy grower with leaves 2 to 3 inches across, shallow lobed and of velvety texture. Chartreuse with brown markings between the veins, long eyelash hairs fringing the edges.
(Illustrated on cover of The Begonian- Oct., 1952)
- RICKEY MINTER- (Marie Turner)- Beautiful crested hybrid having dark green leaves with bronzed edges crisply curled and crested. Rugged and lusty grower that blooms freely in winter, producing rosy-pink flowers on tall stems. Grow on the dry side. (Illustrated on cover of The Begonian- ~~EMILY KIRBY~~ Oct., 1950)
- MANICATA AUREO MACULATA- ~~EMILY KIRBY~~ Large. Smooth green leaves are round and shining, ending in a slight point. Leaves are exotically splashed and blotched in yellow and often with rose. Rosey blotches seem to appear mostly on plants grown in some sun (our experience) and we find it prefers to be grown a bit on the dry side. Collars of stiff red hairs on stems just under the leaves add to it's charm. Soft pink flowers drooping from tall stems in early spring. Can be grown as an upright or in hanging container. (Illustrated on back cover of The Begonian- July 1953)
- SILVER STAR- (Mrs. Elsie Frey)- Lovely dwarf growing star-type, the green leaves entirely overlaid with silver. Bushy, compact grower, with leaves having 6 to 9 points, approximately 5 by 6 inches. Pale pink to white flowers in clusters. (Illustrated in the Begonian, Sept., 1950)

CHOICE AND FANCY RHIZOMATOUS CONTINUED

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JOE HAYDEN- (Ziesenhennel)- One of the darkest rhizomatous. Almost black leaves having 5 to 8 points, red backed and with satiny sheen. Star type leaves about 5 by 6 inches. Prolific bloomer - lovely clusters of rose-pink flowers held well above the foliage on tall stems. Blossoms are lovely contrast with the satiny dark leaves.

ERYTHROPHYLLA HELIX or SPIRAL BEEFSTEAK- A medium size oldie with shining green leaves that are beautifully ruffled and deeply spiralled, showing the red undersides as an extra dividend. Profuse bloomer with clusters of pale pink flowers on tall stems.

BUNCHI or RUFFLED FEASTI- Another offspring of an old faithful, Festi, the common Beefsteak Begonia. Ruffled and crested edges margined in red adorn the shining green leaves of this beauty. Leaves are red beneath and it also has the same fine blooming habits of it's parent.

The following three are MacLanshan's new Bow-Tric which were introduced in 1954. They are all beautiful dwarf and bushy growers, heavy bloomers for winter through spring. Watch The Begonian for illustrations.

BOW ORRIOLA-Named for the man who does the 'Gordo' comic strip. Referred to as the 'Marble-Leaf' Begonia. Round leaves marbled in brown tones. Flowers pink to white, according to the light they receive. (Illustrated in The Begonian- May 1953).

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BOW CHANCEE- Referred to as the 'Totem Pole' Begonia, and is lovely grown this way. Green leaves have irregular brown markings around the edges. Flowers as above.

BOW NIGRA- Beautiful Star-type leaves in deep bronzy green with striking chartreuse areas radiating out from the center along the large veins. White flowers.

The following group at 75¢ each, 3 for \$2.00, 6 for \$3.75, 12 for \$6.50

GREEN STAR- (Elsie Frey)- Similar in all respects to Silver Star except that leaves are green with red flush below. Nice bushy grower with clusters of pale pink to white flowers.

HERACLEICOTYLE- (Syn. Mrs. Townsend)- Fleshy Star-type green leaves growing to 5 by 7 inches. 7 shallow points are red flushed below. Clusters of deep pink flowers held well above the foliage on stiff stems make it one of the best of the flowering Begonias.

MEXICAN SPECIES C42- Very bushy winter and spring bloomer that never becomes 'leggy'. Star-type leaves of bronzy green have 5 to 8 shallow points or lobes, the mature leaves reaching 4 by 6 inches. Lovely pink flowers held well above the foliage on stiff stems.

BESSIE BUXTON- or UPRIGHT FEASTI- Erect grower with short branches and thick, succulent stems. Leaves resemble FeastI in size and shape but are much thinner. Soft pink flowers on tall stems. Resents too much water so best grow drier than most. (Illustrated on cover of The Begonian- Feb., 1953).

NELUMBIFOLIA- The 'Water-Lily leaved' Begonia. Almost round, slightly cupped and peltate leaves facing out- on tall, thick stems. Mature leaves often reach 18 inches across. White flowers tinged pink.

NOTE: Other good rhizomatous that will be available later (probably May & on) are Pearli- Fuscomaculata (Rubella)- Paul Bruant- Popenoi- and others. Bulletins will be sent with each shipment as they become available.

THE FOLLOWING ARE LISTED AS 'VARIATIONS' AND ARE GROWN FROM SEED FROM SELF POLLINATION. Being hybrids, there is a 'variation' between plants of the same name. All are sturdy growers and are superior in coloring and flowers over the old varieties. Your choice in this price group at 75¢ each, 3 for \$2.00, 6 for \$3.75, 12 for \$7.50.

SUNDERBRUCHI VARIATION- Deeply lobed star-type leaf in bronze & green. Pink flowers.

FISHER'S RICINIFOLIA VARIATION - Shallow lobed leaves of bright green are red tinged below. Panicles of pink flowers on tall stems.

FIBROUS ROOTED

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SUPERBA- Lovely 'Angel wing' with lobed wing-like leaves irregularly splashed with silver. Growing habits similar to Lucerna but smaller and flowers are white.

RED BACK COMPTA- Bushy grower much like compta but with red backed leaves.

DARK KAZAE (Ziesenhennel)- Very fine, small leaved basket plant that can also be grown 'trellised' to good advantage. A darker edition of the original 'Kazae' (illustrated in The Begonian, May 1953.) and coloring will vary according to the light in which they are grown. Very bushy grower with dark green, brown and bronze blendings lending the leaves an over all dark bronzy green tone. Taffeta like sheen further enhances the whole. Leaves are rounded with one point, the edges button hole stitched in brown. Blooms from spring to fall the flowers mottled pink and white. Likes warmth and will not tolerate wet feet and best coloring is attained in good light but out of direct sun.

Frutescens- Lush basket plant with low, compact, spreading growth. Cupped, leathery leaves of lustrous, dark olive green, dark red beneath. White flowers. (Illustrated in The Begonian- March 1954).

EPIPSILA- Drooping or trailing plant for the hanging pot or basket. Very dark green leaves are thick and glossy, brown tomentose beneath. Excellent bloomer with white flowers.

MACROCARPA- Graceful drooping plant with long, narrow leaves of dark green, deep rose beneath and slightly hairy. White flowers.

LU WALTERS- (Ziesenhennel)- Hybrid between Incarnata and Kazae. Growth and leaf similar to Incarnata but very dark brown. Taffeta sheen. Pink flowers in clusters.

MRS. FRED SCRIPPS- Tall, bushy upright. Husky, variable leaved begonia with a shaggy coat. Large, medium green leaves are cut into lobes of varying size and depth in a scalloped effect, red beneath and covered with short stiff hairs on both sides. An Auxiliary leaf forms a little ruff at the stem axis atop the large leaf, characteristic of Luxurians. Dainty star-like white flowers in clusters on long drooping stems in winter and spring. Likes some sun. (Illustrated in The Begonian- Oct., 1951).

GREEDNERI- (Mr. G. Thurston)-The 'Hairy Thurstoni.' Shining bronzy green leaves, much like Thurstoni but white hairy. Flowers much like Thurstoni. An unexcelled potplant. (Illustrated in the Begonian, August 1951).

ALTO SCHARFF- Aecging stems clothed in leaves much like Scharffiana but not as heavy. Bushy grower, the mature leaves about 2 1/2 by 7 inches, fine red edge and red veined below. Flowers white to pink. (Illustrated in The Begonian- July 1951).

75¢ each, 3 for \$2.00, 6 for \$3.75, 12 for \$6.50- your choice.

NELLY RLY- (Mrs. Gray)- Erect, bushy grower with olive green leaves, white hairy- red beneath. Large pale pink flowers are red beneath with- out. Cover illustration on The Begonian, August 1950.

DRURYI- (Constance Bowers)- Bushy grower to 3 feet. Leaves are deep red below and white hairy. Flowers white, the outsides covered with red hairs. (Illustrated in The Begonian, February 1951).

COLPITA- Angularis seedling. Tall, slender and graceful grower. Angel- wing type leaves are long (mature leaves about 8 by 2 inches) and sharply pointed. Color is grey-green- the nerves outlined with silver, the edges scalloped in effect. Leaves are smooth and satiny- have silvery sheen and are red flushed below. Scarse bloomer, the small white flowers appearing in tight clusters. Beautiful for it's foliage alone.

IMPROVED ROSELI- (Seed Fund # 12407)- A free blooming plant with shining round leaves that take on bronze tones when grown in strong light. Leaves remain green when grown in subdued light. Pale pink flowers.

ACULINATA- Called Wild Rhubarb in Jamaica- because of it's acid leaves. Medium grower resembling Lady Waterloo but smaller. Leaves are thick and shining, rough hairy above, the edges toothed and crisp- ly waved. Well branched- ever blooming habit, with white to pink flowers.

CORBEILLE DE FEU (Syn. BERTHA DE CHATEAU ROCHER)- An excellent house plant, similar to Fuchsioidea as to habit and shape of leaf but leaves and flowers are larger. Medium grower that is bushy and well branch- ed. Slender stems are well clothed in small Holly-like leaves that are sharply pointed, waxy bright green. Practically ever- blooming- bearing small, bright clusters of coral red blooms. Ours bloom best with morning sun in summer and all the sun they can get in winter- such as south or west window.

The following group at 50¢ each, 4 for \$1.80, 8 for \$3.50, 12 for \$5.00

WASHINGTON STREET- The 'Peach-Leaf' Begonia. Medium tall- to 3 feet. Bushy grower with glossy green leaves like a peach tree. Large white flowers.

PHILIPPINE SPECIJS (#2)- Bushy growing semperflorens type with sparsely hairy green leaves. Profuse bloomer bearing lovely bright pink flowers.

IMPROVED KANRA'S WOOLLY BEAR- Semperflorens type as to growth and blooming habits but leaves are brown felted. Constant bloomer that can stand more sun and less water than most.

LADY WATERLOO- (Syn. CATALINA or IMPROVED BIGGSWELLIANA)- Free blooming medium grower of bushy habit. Holly-like leaves are smooth and shining waxy green. Foliage takes on delicate autumn tints when grown in some sun, where it blooms freely. Flowers pink and white. Not new but ever good and easy.

NITIDA ALBA- Medium grower with erect stems. Glossy green leaves appear to be waxed and are slightly cupped. White flowers in clusters above the foliage.

JOAN STRONG- (Logee)- A superb double flowering semperflorens that makes a beautiful basket or pot plant. The red-brown foliage makes a fine contrasting background to show off the clusters of large, clear pink blooms. Flowers are shaped like miniature full-blown roses. This is not the usual 'pink Rosebud'. Makes a much better shaped plant if kept pinched back through 3 inch pot size.

\$1.00 each, 3 for \$2.75, 6 for \$5.00, 12 for \$9.00, your choice.

LADY CLARE- Lovely new hairy Begonia with slight resemblance to Mrs. Fred Scripps. Rough-hairy green leaves with serrated edges and deeply cut lobes. White flowers. Choice.

LILLIAN SLOAN- Another choice new Begonia in the Hairy class. Very dark green leaves with deeply depressed veins resulting in puffed areas between. Mature leaves about 5 by 9 inches and having a carved appearance. Plant is bushy, well branched and entirely white hairy.

LOMA ALTA- (Mrs. E. Fewkes) Seedling from Scharffiana. Leaves are dark green above, deep red below and white hairy like Scharffiana. Young leaves very crumpled. White flowers are pink-hairy without. Upright grower- to 5 feet in one year if given the room to grow.

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDENS # 76221 - Also called MEXICAN SPECIES #2. Tall, upright grower that will also trail. Shining green leaves with irregular chocolate markings and edged with fine white hairs. White flowers. A shy bloomer but the unusual foliage is attractive enough to compensate for the lack of blooms.

\$3.75

The following group at 75¢ each, 3 for \$2.05, 6 for \$3.00, 12 for \$6.50

STITCH LEAF or STITCHES-Lovely drooping plant that can be trellised or grown in a hanging container. Heart shaped green leaves maturing to 2 1/2 by 3 inches; the edges blanket stitched in brown. Tiny flowers in airy clusters are pink and white mottled. Blooms from spring through summer.

SCHARFFI- (Syn. HAAGLANA)- Tall upright grower that is considered one of the best shrubby Begonias. Will grow to great size if given the chance. Olive green leaves are red beneath and both stems and leaves are thickly set with hairs. Flowers red-hairy outside and borne in large drooping clusters on long stems. Constant bloomer from November to July, the individual blossoms about one inch across when fully open. No special care needed. (Illustrated in the Begonian- Sept., 1951).

DEARF HOUGHTONI- Another bushy, low growing drooper that makes a most attractive hanging potplant. Foliage similar to Scharffi but much smaller and brownish toned. No two leaves exactly alike. Large clusters of white flowers droop down over the foliage. Soft-hairy.

PRUNIFOLIA- (A.D. Robinson)- Seedling of Vianda. Medium grower. Densely hairy, dark olive-green leaves are purple beneath, white flowers red bearded on outside.

VIAUDI- Medium grower- to 3 feet or more. Thickly hairy olive-green leaves are dull red below and mature to about 3 by 5 inches, often cupped. Entire plant covered with white hairs. Stiff red hairs on outside of blossoms add color and charm. (See cover of The Begonian-Nov. '51)

METALLICA- Erect, bushy plant. Deep olive green leaves have metallic sheen, are purple veined above and red below. Large clusters of flowers, the blossoms large- bright pink and bearded without. This one- like many others with reddish veins- holds an added attraction when placed so the light shines through the leaves. Try holding various plants up to the light and see what I mean.

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(Illustrated in The Begonian, May 1951)

JOAN STRONG- 75¢ each, 3 for \$2.00 In bud and bloom when soiled. Logee's superb double-flowering semperflorens. Far superior to the usual single-flowered. Wonderful basket or pot plant. Deep red-brown foliage. Live background for the clusters of full-bloom. To propagate, this beauty is easy to grow from BASAL cuttings. DO NOT USE TIP CUTTINGS. Best results are obtained by keeping the plant well. a much better shaped plant for growing to specimen size. After shifting to 4 inch pot just place back flowering growth that has become leggy- to keep it in constant bloom. We find largest flowers are obtained by not overpotting, and through regular but light application of a good plant food. Good light is essential but not too much direct sun in summer. (Illustrated in the Bulletin for '65)

The following single flowering semperflorens are from 2 1/2 inch pots. 85¢ each, 3 for \$1.00, 6 for \$1.90, 12 for \$3.70- your choice. Shipped in bud and bloom. Fine for pots, bedding or shaded window box.

PINK PEARL- Very dwarf, compact habit- 6 to 8 inches tall. One of the best for pot culture. Plants form perfect balls and the flowers are held well above the fresh green foliage.

RED PEARL- Same as above in type and habit- with brilliant dark scarlet blooms.

LUMINOSA- Lovely effect from red-brown foliage and bright scabre

The following single flowering semperflorens are from THREE INCH POTS. Nice bushy plants in bud and bloom. All are excellent for pot, bedding or shaded window box. 50¢ each, 4 for \$1.80, 8 for \$3.50, 12 for \$5.00

THOUSAND WONDERS-(Tausendsech)- Very fine dwarf (6 to 8 inches). Absolutely even in growth and color. Plants are one mass of bloom. the flowers lustrous rose.

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BALL DLEP ROSE- Identical in habit to Adeline, from which it was selected. Dwarf, bushy growth with fresh green foliage. The color is a rose red. Flowers gradually fade to bright luminous pink in warm weather.

THOIRLO- Medium grower (6 to 11 inches) with dark green foliage with purple cast. Shining waxy leaves, compact growth, bright rose flowers.

INDIAN MAID- Medium grower with lustrous bronzy foliage and bright scarlet flowers. Leaves are red-bronze.

DWARF WHITE- Same bushy habit, dwarf and compact- green leaves, white bloom.

NOTE: Later (probably May and on) we will have the following. Bulletin will be sent with each shipment as they become available. If there are others you want that are not listed, drop us a card, we may have them.

Bonnie Jean, Pocahontus, Blush basket, New Hampshire, Templint, Mexican species # 30, Margaritae, Alpha Gere, Coccinea, Parterfiflora Tanay, Alto Scharff, Florence Carrel, Alpha Gere, Coccinea, Parterfiflora Tanay, Dregel, Evansiana, Rossi, Bennett Rubra, Green Tree, and others.

ROOTED CUTTINGS NOW READY OF Margaritae, Dregel & Lucendo & 192 each. UNROOTED CUTTES @ 7 per \$1. of New Hampshire, Margaritae, Parterfiflora, Rossi, Bennett Rubra, Silver Tip, Green Tree Alpha Gere Tanay

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 INCLUDING THE BARE AND LACIA.

Desires: 1943. Several locations. Many of the varieties listed below are only in this list. They are all in the same direction. All are good orders. The same Ferns of the country, however. All are good. All are good.

ASPIDIUM TSUS-SIENHAI- Dwarf Japanese species with leathery fronds. from 2 1/2 inch pots-----\$1.00

ASPIDIUM M. FALCATUM- "Holly Fern". Dwarf grower. from 2 1/2 inch pots-----\$1.00

CYTOMIUM ROCHFORDIENSE- Holly Fern. Dwarf grower. from 2 1/2 inch pots-----\$1.00

PTERIS SERRULATA- "Fountain Fern". Dwarf grower with thin narrow fronds in graceful, fountain effect.-----\$1.00

PTERIS WILSONII- "Crested Fern". Short, bushy grower with fronds attractively crested. From 2 1/2 inch pots-----\$1.00

PTERIS SPECIOSA- "Table Fern". Dwarf grower with leathery fronds in grey and green. Fine disc garden variety. from 3 inch pots-----\$1.25

POLYSTICHUM SETOSUM- from 3 inch pots-----\$1.00

POLYSTICHUM CAPEENSE- "Leatherleaf Fern". From South Africa. Triangular fronds on stiff, brown-scurfy stems. Coarsely toothed, leathery and shining. from 3 inch pots-----\$1.25

ALCOPHILA AUSTRALE- fronds to 6 feet long. Develops into handsome specimen. from 3 inch pots-----\$2.00

ALCOPHILA AUSTRALE- than Alcophila Australis. from 3 inch pots-----\$2.00

CITRUM CHAMORII- "Hawaiian Tree Fern". This one develops a trunk and has graceful, airy fronds. These are grown from spores, resulting in a root system that is superior to plants grown from dormant trunks. From 3 inch pots-----\$1.50

ALCOPHILA AUSTRALE- leathery fronds are deeply cut, the edges fluted long. fronds are on stiff stems springing from brown-furry.

have the feel of fur, much like a "paw". Mature leaves to 4 feet long and a foot in width. Striking hanging basket plant. From 3 inch pots-----\$1.50

BAVALIA CANARIENSIS- "Rabbit Foot Fern". From the Canary Islands, North Africa. Creeping, pale brown rhizomes are hairy, resembling feet. Rhizomes twist and clasp the container. Mature fronds about 1 1/2 feet long and 1 foot wide. Showy plant for a shallow hanging basket. from 3 inch pots-----\$1.50

PELLAEA ADIANTOIDES- "Clover Leaf Fern". A beauty from Africa. stems. 2 & 3 pinnate- clover-like. from 3 inch pots-----\$1.25

NEPHROLEPIS "FLUFFY RUFFLES" One of the "Tree Ferns". Not available until May or June. from 3 inch pots-----\$1.50

NEPHROLEPIS "BOSTON FERN" - from 3 inch pots-----\$1.75

NOTE: As they become available, other ferns will be listed in bulletins and mailed with each order. Ask about any others you may want that aren't listed.

PAISONIA LILY - "Dash-Ivy". Fast-growing with large
leaves. Leaves resembling a plant but excellent foliage plant.
Not hard to grow. From 3 inch pots. 15¢

MARANTA LEUCONEURA - "Dancer Plant". Velvety green leaves
green leaves that fold up at night. Will thrive under house culture
and will thrive under house culture.
Begonias and is fine dish-garden plant from 3 1/2 inch pots 15¢

CHALAEODORA ELEGANS - "Neanthe Bella Fain". Small plant
combinations in dish gardens and planters. 15¢

DRACAENA GODSEFFIANA - "Gold Spotted Dracaena". Leaves
spotted in yellow. Fine for planters. 15¢

Pilea CARDILREI - "Aluminum Plant". Spotted or blistered light green leaves
the blisters brushed with "aluminum". Fine contrast in combinations.
ations, planter, ect., Likes warmth and humidity but is not
a difficult subject. From 3 1/2 inch pots. 15¢

PEPEROMIA SANDERSONII - "Antennaria Peperomia". Round leaves resembling
watermelon rind. From 3 1/2 inch pots. 15¢

PEPEROMIA METALLICA - One of the better new plants for planters, dish
gardens and combinations. Fleshy red stems with many small
pointed leaves in copper red with pale green stripe running
the midrib. Unusual and striking. From 3 inch pots. 15¢

PEPEROMIA LOUNGENII - A pot-sized dwarf variety of variegated peperomia
that far surpasses the old variegated peperomia. Compact growth
having many small, highly variegated leaves. From 3 1/4 inch pots. 15¢

GOLDEN SUONIA - "Gold Spotted". Leaves
from 3 inch pots. 15¢

PODOCARPUS LAKEI - Japanese shrub that is used to advantage in planters,
dish gardens and combinations. Resembles miniature pine. Very
dark green leaves with light green new growth. 2 inch pots. 25¢

PODOCARPUS NAGAI - New Podocarpus having wider leaves than above. Leaves
is pointed oval, hard and shining. Lighter new growth. From
3 inch pots. 25¢

SARRISA PORTADA - Very dainty, slow growing woody plant that is fine
in combinations. From 3 inch pots. 15¢

ARALIA ELEGANTISSIMA - Elegant new tropical foliage plant. From 3 inch pots.
A beautiful shrub for indoor planter - with graceful opposite
leaves in reddish brown. From 3 inch pots. 3 to 10 inch tall. 15¢

ARDISIA TRENULETA - "Shrimp Plant". Produces
grower producing bright red, long lasting berries as an added
attraction. From 3 inch pots. 15¢

TRI-LEAF WONDER - the Variegated nephthytis. Long, slender rounded
leaves with variegated. Fine for combinations and planters. Grow in rather
poor soil and keep in small pot to retain the distinctive narrow
leaves and odd shape. From 3 inch pots. 15¢

Ivies - Hahn's, Green Mist or Grape Ivy - from 3 1/2 inch pots. 25¢

NOTE. New Ivies (such as Sweetheart, Glacier, Gold Dust, Variegated
English, and Teller's), as well as other good foliage plants (including
the "Royal Velvet" plant, Fittonia "Silver Net plant", ect.) will be
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LAMBIA QUINCE ALBO- This is ... well marked- show white variegation. 2 to 3 1/4 inch pots. \$1.25

P. JOHNSII- New erect-growing or bushy ... the center ... leaves are deeply cut. Truly fine decorative plant for ... or group plantings. From 3 inch pots 4-6 leaves. \$1.25

P. S. HALIFAX- Distinctly different. This ... unusual long leaves with 3 ...

A perfect show plant alone. 3 inch pots. 4-6 leaves. \$1.25

P. HASTATA- The glossiest, greenest leaf of all. Big arrowhead type leaves, the veins at base of leaf are rounded, not pointed. From 3 inch pots 3 or 4 leaves. \$1.25

P. PENNISI- The 'cut leaf' plant. Large, vibrant growth has large, rather heart-shaped leaves with irregular cuts. One leaf may have one cut, another may have two on one side, etc. From 3 inch pots 2 or 3 leaves. \$1.25

P. HINDLANDII- A most variety with erect, stiff like growth. Deep green leaves are dark green, shining, long and slender, with pointed tip ending in an acute point. 3 inch pots 3 to 4 leaves. \$1.25

P. DUBIUM- Rapid grower, 1st class cut leaves in an order of ... Decided climber. From 3 inch pots 3 leaves. \$1.25

NOTE: P. Hastata, P. Pennisi and P. Dubium are all climbers suitable for totem-pole or guide strings.

ONE EACH of above 3 large leaved varieties. \$1.95

VARIETATED POTUS or ADELPHIUM ... cream and green or ... yellow and green ... from 3 1/4 inch pots. \$1.25

FLOWERING PLANTS FOR SHOPS

Gardineria- In bud and bloom. \$1.25

FUCHSIA from 4 inch pots- in bloom. Not labeled but all are choice, selected plants for pot culture and are well branched. \$1.35

CYCLAMEN from 3 inch pots- in bud and bloom, assorted. Not labeled \$1.00

NOTE: The above flowering plants are available in April and May only. BE SURE TO ALLOW EXTRA POSTAGE ON THESE LARGE PLANTS.

HELIOTROPE- large flowered florist's special from 4 inch pots. in bloom. April and May only. \$1.25

BOLB for potted plants- gets thrip, mealy bug, white fly, etc. \$1.50
3 inch plastic pots- no wash- no disease carrying by pot- less drying out. Choice of red, moss green, yellow, coral or white. 15¢ each
4 for 75¢
PLANT SHINE- shines foliage for life- not harmful. easy to apply. 50¢
4 " plastic pots- same colors 20¢ each, 3 for \$1.00

2 1/4 inch plastic pots-
choice of red, moss green,
yellow, coral and white.
10¢ each, 12 for \$1.00

PLASTIC BIRD HOUSES- Scientifically designed and constructed from specifications set by National Audubon Society. Vermin and weather proof, adequately ventilated, clean and dry. Small hole- for wrens, ect., but knock out plug enlarges hole to 1 1/2 inch size for bluebirds and such. Colors green, and brown or red and white. Each \$1.00

PLASTIC COFFEE-ETTES. Gay coffee servers made of Dow 700 Styrene to withstand boiling temperature. 2 cup capacity to keep that 2nd. cup hot. Odorless and tasteless. 2 servers per carton- \$2.00
4 per carton- \$3.50

PICTURE FRAME PLANTERS- All plastic, the frame in black with gilt pot. each \$1.00

HEIRLOOM PLANTERS made of beautifully grained Florida Cypress- and hand made. Complete with 2 inch wood colored pot with philodendron, each tied with colorful satin bow. Your choice of rocking chair or wheel barrow- complete with plant. each \$1.35

FLUTED PLASTIC PLANTER, measuring 6 1/2 by 6 1/4 inches at top (squared ends), and 2 1/4 by 4 3/4 at bottom. Moisture proof, fungus proof, fits easily and safely on window sill. Colors; red, green, yellow, pink, moss green and white. each 40¢

PLASTIC POT SET includes sturdy plastic rack that will fit on window sill, designed to hold three 2 1/4 inch plastic pots. Bottom watering. Racks or pots available in red, green, coral, yellow or white. each set- 50¢

PLASTIC BIRD CAGE PLANTERS. Flat on one side to fit against the wall. Black with pink 'wire' or gilt with black 'wire'. each \$1.00

OLD FASHIONED CAR PLANTERS- the removable seat is the pot. Pink and silver or black and chatreuse- 50¢

BLACK MAGIC PLANTER MIX- the ideal mix for planters. We use it exclusively 40¢ and 60¢ sizes.

"HEIRLOOM" PLANTERS



DRESSEL'S FRIENDLY GARDENS- RT. 2, LEBANON, ILL.
NEW ITEMS NOT LISTED IN CATALOGUE.

- SEITHIANTHA- dormant tubers, start into growth in May or June.
Exotic purple velvet foliage, scarlet blooms. 70¢ ea., 3-42.
REICHSTIENERIA CARDINALIS- green velvet leaves- scarlet blooms.
as available- Very limited.
KOHLEIA ALABILE (formerly Isoloma)- Beautiful pattern of brown
over light green leaves. Continuous bloomer, scarlet blooms.
black speckles. Good basket plant. 60¢ ea.
AECHYNANTHES LOBBIANS- Dark green leaves, scarlet flowers coming
out of purple cups. Trailing plant for baskets. 75¢ ea.
CLUMNEA MICROPHYLLO- Trailing basket plant with small round leaves
and orange flowers. 75¢ ea.

AFRICAN VIOLETS;

THE FOLLOWING AFRICAN VIOLETS AT \$1.15 each- from 3 inch pots-
In bloom or heavy bud.

- PURPLE PRINCE- Deep dark purple.
BLUE PRINCE- Large deep blue flowers.
FRILLED BLUE DELIGHT- Variegated blue and white.
FANTASY- Lavender, speckled blue.
NORSELAN- a good deep blue.
GENEVA KING- Large blue flowers flecked white.

THE FOLLOWING AFRICAN VIOLETS AT \$1.65- from 3 inch pots- in bloom
or heavy bud.

- RLD BICOLOR- Deep orchid bicolor.
RED GENEVA GIRL- wine with white edge.
BLUE BELLE- deep blue flowers.
BLUE BEAU- large deep blue flowers.
BLUE MOON- Deep blue flowers, dark foliage.
SEA BREEZE- Light blue, slick flat leaves.
PURPLE CROWN- Large purple, upper petals darker.
CORSAGE- Lovely light blue dbl.
SAILOR'S DELIGHT- Favorite light blue, dbl.
NERO- Good purple, compact plant.
QUEEN'S EUSHTON- Deep Velvety purple.
DBL. NEPTUNE- Popular Big blue.

THE FOLLOWING AFRICAN VIOLETS AT \$2.00 each from 3 inch pots, in
bloom or heavy bud.

- PANSY- Light blue- white edge.
AMERICA- Extra large light blue.
DOUBLE LACE- Large ruffled white.
DOUBLE WINE- Deep wine dbl.

- ALULINUK PLANT- from 2 1/4 inch pots-
FITTONIA- Silver Net plant-

35¢ each
60¢

IVIES

- SWEETHEART IVY- Small dark green heart shaped leaf. 40¢
GLACIER IVY- small light green leaves outlined in white. 40¢
COLD DUST IVY- light green leaves with yellow spots. 40¢
VARIEGATED ENGLISH IVY- Large leaves of light green with
wide creamy band. 40¢
TELECURL IVY- tightly curled dark green leaves. free branching. 40¢
FAN IVY- dark green leaves shaped like fan. 35¢
GREEN MIST IVY- free branching misty green. 35¢

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